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Subject: No to Microsoft anti-trust Proposed Final Judgement

I would like to register my disapproval for the Proposed Final Judgement against Microsoft. As a computer scientist and software developer, I have for years seen Microsoft's dominance and monopoly power as an impediment to the furthering of my trade. Their anti-competitive practices have made it impossible to buy a computer without Windows (as I attempted to do last year from Dell) or MS Office (of which I already own several legal copies, but was forced to purchase again with my new Dell laptop). These kinds of licencing hurt individual computer purchasers, and will continue to do so under the proposed settlement. Additionally, their Windows monopoly has successfully prevented other competing operating systems (OS/2, BeOS to name a few) from gaining any reasonable market share. Because of the wording of the judgement, the next version of Windows may well not fall under its terms and Microsoft will be able to continue to abuse their monopoly power with impunity.

Please refuse to accept the Proposed Final Judgement and look for a more strict solution that might actually change Microsoft's business practices.

Sincerely,

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